

REMARKS

A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of time to respond to the Office Action is submitted herewith. Claims 1, 4-12, and 33-52 are currently pending in the case. Claims 1 and 38 are in independent form and are hereby amended. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees due in connection with this response.

The Office Action rejected all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on *Celis* (U.S. Patent 6,021,405) in view of *Budzik* ("Information Access in Context") and further in view of *August* (U.S. Patent 6,647,383).

Independent claims 1 and 38 recite, inter alia, "a plurality of text items associated with a computer application being manipulated by a user *** the at least one transformation rule being selected based on the plurality of text items and at least one of the first property associated with the computer application and the second property associated with the user." For example, one transformation rule may be selected based on words (text items) being read by a user using a web browser (computer application). In the same example, a different transformation rule may be selected based on the same words (text items) being read by the user using an email client (different computer application). In another example, one transformation rule may be selected based on words (text items) being read by a lawyer (user). In the same example, a different transformation rule may be selected based on the same words (text items) being read by an accountant (different user).

Celis, *Budzik* and *August*, alone and in combination, fail to teach this feature. The Office action states that "selecting at least one transformation rule from a plurality

of transformation rules, the at least one transformation rule being selected based on the plurality of text items and at least one of the first property associated with the computer application and the second property associated with the user" is taught by *Celis* at col. 20, lines 65-67; col. 21, lines 14-16. More specifically, the Office action states that in *Celis* "the rules are selected and stored in a preferred order of execution which is based on the promise value associated with the rule."

However, the "promise value" of *Celis* is not a property associated with a computer application being manipulated by a user or a property associated with a user. *Celis* states that the "promise functions associate a value with each rule indicating how suitable the particular rule is for the particular expression." (col. 21, lines 9-11) In other words, the promise value of *Celis* is a property associated with a rule not a computer application or a user.

Budzik and August do not cure this deficiency of *Celis*.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, all pending claims are condition for allowance, and the rejection should be withdrawn. An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance, and in the absence of more pertinent art, such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

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